

HOUSE BILL 9038

By Weaver

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4,
Chapter 21, relative to vaccinations.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 4-21-102, is amended by deleting subdivision (4) and substituting:

(4) "Discriminatory practices" means any direct or indirect act or practice of exclusion, distinction, restriction, segregation, limitation, refusal, denial, or any other act or practice of differentiation or preference in the treatment of a person or persons because of race, creed, color, religion, sex, age, national origin, or COVID-19 vaccination status;

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 4-21-102, is amended by adding the following as new subdivisions:

() "COVID-19" means the novel coronavirus, SARS-COV-2, and coronavirus disease 2019, commonly referred to as COVID-19, including any mutation of SARS-COV-2 or COVID-19;

() "COVID-19 vaccination status" means any indication of whether a person has received an immunization or vaccination for COVID-19;

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 4-21-401(a), is amended by deleting the language "sex, age or national origin" wherever it appears and substituting the language "sex, age, national origin, or COVID-19 vaccination status".

SECTION 4. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 4-21-402, is amended by deleting the language "sex, age or national origin" wherever it appears and substituting the language "sex, age, national origin, or COVID-19 vaccination status".

SECTION 5. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 4-21-403, is amended by deleting the language "sex, age or national origin" and substituting the language "sex, age, national origin, or COVID-19 vaccination status".

SECTION 6. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 4-21-404(1), is amended by deleting the language "sex, or national origin" and substituting the language "sex, national origin, or COVID-19 vaccination status".

SECTION 7. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 4-21-404(2), is amended by deleting the language "sex or national origin" and substituting the language "sex, national origin, or COVID-19 vaccination status".

SECTION 8. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 4-21-501, is amended by deleting the language "sex, age or national origin" and substituting the language "sex, age, national origin, or COVID-19 vaccination status".

SECTION 9. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 4-21-502, is amended by deleting the language "or national origin" wherever it appears and substituting the language ", national origin, or COVID-19 vaccination status".

SECTION 10. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 4-21-601(a), is amended by deleting the language "familial status or national origin" wherever it appears and substituting the language "familial status, national origin, or COVID-19 vaccination status".

SECTION 11. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 4-21-601(c), is amended by deleting the language "or national origin" and substituting the language ", national origin, or COVID-19 vaccination status".

SECTION 12. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 4-21-603, is amended by deleting the language "familial status or national origin" and substituting the language "familial status, national origin, or COVID-19 vaccination status".

SECTION 13. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 4-21-604, is amended by deleting the language "or national origin" wherever it appears and substituting the language ", national origin, or COVID-19 vaccination status".

SECTION 14. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 4-21-606(a), is amended by deleting the language "familial status or national origin" and substituting the language "familial status, national origin, or COVID-19 vaccination status".

SECTION 15. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 4-21-802, is amended by deleting the language "ancestry, national origin or disability" wherever it appears and substituting the language "ancestry, national origin, disability, or COVID-19 vaccination status".

SECTION 16. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 4-21-803, is amended by deleting the language "ancestry, national origin or disability" wherever it appears and substituting the language "ancestry, national origin, disability, or COVID-19 vaccination status".

SECTION 17. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 4-21-804, is amended by deleting the language "ancestry, national origin or disability" and substituting the language "ancestry, national origin, disability, or COVID-19 vaccination status".

SECTION 18. This act takes effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.